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Greetings, Thank you for your work on the council and bringing forth RESOLUTION 22-067 being that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby opposes a Constitutional Convention because it may lead to unexpected and negative effects for our community, and is unnecessary at this point in time. As a community member and land owner I whole heartily support the resolution. Sincerely, Camille Rohrer

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First Name Tina

Last Name Seaton

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Phone Number [REDACTED]

Are You A City or Non-City Resident? Non-City Resident

Which City Council Meeting do you want to participate in? Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting you want to participate in? Mon, 09/12

What type of comments will you be giving?

Public Hearing Comments - Citizens may comment on items scheduled for public hearing.

Public Hearing Agenda Item: Resolution 22-067

Written Testimony

As a property owner in Homer I strongly favor Resolution 22-067. Opening up the Pandora's Box of a Constitutional Convention could negatively affect the City of Homer and all residents of Alaska in even more ways than we can foresee. This resolution can play a part in educating residents in the dangers. Please pass Resolution 22-067.

Electronic Signature

Tina Seaton

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree that I am the person identified above and that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

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**Copies of Legislation from AML and other Alaska Municipalities re:
Constitutional Convention provided by Paul Seaton**

Resolution of the Alaska Municipal League

Resolution #2022-03

A Resolution expressing concern in the consideration of a Constitutional Convention, and taking an active role in educating the public and policy makers about its potential impact

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League's mission is to strengthen local governments, and AMLE's principles include to support the Alaska Constitution's mandate "to provide for maximum local self-government;" and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution contains numerous provisions that provide for and enhance maximum local self-governments; and

WHEREAS, Art. XIII, sec. 3 of the Alaska Constitution provides that "if during any ten-year period a constitutional convention has not been held, the lieutenant governor shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question: "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?" and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters overwhelmingly rejected the call for a constitutional convention in 1972 and insuccessive elections held in 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters will be asked to vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention at the next general election on November 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution's system has been flexible, allowing cities and boroughs to merge when appropriate, and allowing for classes of municipalities, including home rule municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution commits the State to support public education, public health, public welfare, and for the University system; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides a statewide court system that relieves local governments of the responsibility for operating county courts, and allows for local prosecutions and defenses when and if a local government chooses to support them; and

WHEREAS, during the more than 60 years since Statehood the Alaska Municipal League has supported Alaska local governments in thoughtfully choosing among the options that the Alaska Constitution has offered them, and in making sure that there is revenue sharing from the State that will support the local governments that people choose to have; and

WHEREAS, where local government is concerned, the Alaska Constitution as written provides a necessary and empowering legal framework within which to exert local control and respond to resident priorities; and

WHEREAS, if voters were to authorize a convention, convention delegates elected at a subsequent election, would have plenary power to change any and all aspects of the constitution for submission to the voters; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous proposals advanced over the years to shift public funding for education from the state to local governments, to alter public retirement programs, modify the selection of judges, alter the taxing power of government and other similar proposals that could fundamentally harm Alaska's local governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League believes that a Constitutional Convention is unnecessary at this point in time and may negatively impact local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League expresses concern about any campaign for calling a Constitutional Convention, to which the League would enjoin in opposition by educating voters of the value of the Constitution as currently written and the numerous options available to address perceived or real needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AML encourages all local governments to work toward correcting any misinformation or misperception as may exist or that develops as part of the election cycle ahead.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

Signed: Pete Petersen
President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: [Signature]
Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 05/16/2022
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2984

A Resolution Expressing Concern of a Constitutional Convention and Educating the Public and Policy Makers about its Potential Impact.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League's (AML) mission is to strengthen local governments, and AML's principles include to support the Alaska Constitution's mandate "to provide for maximum local self-government"; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution contains numerous provisions that provide for and enhance maximum local self-government; and

WHEREAS, Art. XIII, sec. 3 of the Alaska Constitution provides that

If during any ten-year period a constitutional convention has not been held, the lieutenant governor shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question: "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?" ...; and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters overwhelmingly rejected the call for a constitutional convention in 1972 and in successive elections held in 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters will be asked to vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention at the next general election on November 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution's system has been flexible, allowing cities and boroughs to merge when appropriate, and allowing for classes of municipalities, including home rule municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution commits the State to support public education, public health, public welfare, and for the University system; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides a statewide court system that relieves local governments of the responsibility for operating county courts, and allows for local prosecutions and defenses when and if a local government chooses to support them; and

WHEREAS, during the more than 60 years since statehood, the AML has supported Alaska local governments in thoughtfully choosing among the options that the Alaska Constitution has offered them, and in making sure that there is revenue sharing from the State that will support the local governments that people choose to have; and

WHEREAS, where local government is concerned, the Alaska Constitution as written provides a necessary and empowering legal framework within which to exert local control and respond to resident priorities; and

WHEREAS, if voters were to authorize a convention, convention delegates elected at a subsequent election, would have plenary power to change any and all aspects of the constitution for submission to the voters; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous proposals advanced over the years to shift public funding for education from the state to local governments, to alter public retirement programs, modify the selection of judges, alter the taxing power of government and other similar proposals that could fundamentally harm Alaska's local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Alaska Municipal League and the City and Borough of Juneau believe that a Constitutional Convention is unnecessary at this point in time and may negatively impact local governments.

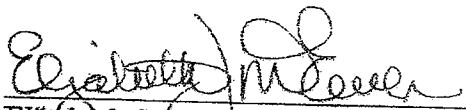
Section 2. The Alaska Municipal League and the City and Borough of Juneau express concern about any campaign for calling a Constitutional Convention, to which municipalities would educate voters of the value of the Constitution as currently written and the numerous options available to address perceived or real needs; and

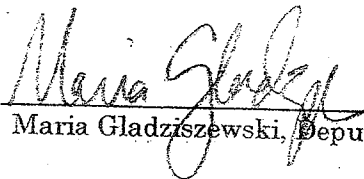
Section 3. The Alaska Municipal League and the City and Borough of Juneau encourage all local governments to work toward correcting any misinformation or misperception as may exist or that develops as part of the election cycle ahead.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2022.

Attest:


Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk


Maria Gladyszewski, Deputy Mayor

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY22-12**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS OPPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION**

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement of the City of Gustavus, Alaska, supports the strength and autonomy of local self-government; and,

WHEREAS, Article X of the Alaska Constitution provides for maximum local self-government, and contains numerous provisions providing for the enhancement of local self-government; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution, which took effect with Statehood in 1959, has served its citizens well during the past 63 years as one of the strongest constitutions in the nation, and is renowned as a model for its thoroughness, protection of individual liberties, and functionality; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 3 requires that the question of whether to convene a constitutional convention be placed on the ballot of a general election every ten years; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska voters overwhelmingly rejected the call for a constitutional convention in 1972 and in successive elections held in 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 1 provides an alternative wherein the legislature may propose amendments to the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, since statehood, the legislature has proposed 40 amendments, of which 28 have been approved by the voters; and,

WHEREAS, a constitutional convention is unnecessary, expensive, and risks proposals to shift public funding for education from the state to local governments, to alter the taxing power of government, and other proposals that could fundamentally harm Alaska's local governments; and,

WHEREAS, rural Alaska in particular could suffer impacts to the Power Cost Equalization program, the Alaska Marine Highway System, and rural education funding; and,


WHEREAS, at the next general election, on November 2, 2022, Alaska voters will be asked to vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska, finds that a constitutional convention is unnecessary at this time and may negatively impact our local government.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 13th day of June, 2022, and effective upon adoption.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk



Sponsor: Mayor Lee Burger
Adoption: July 5, 2022
Vote: ___ Yeas, ___ Nays, ___ Absent

**CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 22-07-05-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, SUPPORTING
THE PRINCE OF WALES ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 22-02**

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body of Thorne Bay, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thorne Bay is a member of the Prince of Wales Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Prince of Wales Advisory Council met on June 28th, 2022, and adopted Resolution 22-02, opposing a State Constitutional Convention, which is being presented to the voters on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay agrees with the position of POWCAC opposing this convention and believes it to be in the best interest of the city to support POWCAC Resolution 22-02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska, supports the Prince of Wales Advisory Council Resolution No. 22-02 attached below.

PASSED & APPROVED this 5th day of July 2022, by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska, with a vote of ___ YEAH, ___ NAYS, ___ ABSENT.

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC

Lee Burger, Mayor

CITY OF SAXMAN

Resolution #04.2022.01

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Saxman, Alaska expressing concern over the consideration of a Constitutional Convention and supporting the Alaska Municipal League in educating the public and policy makers about its potential impacts.

WHEREAS, the Saxman City Council believes in the strength and autonomy of local self-government; and

WHEREAS, the current Alaska Constitution's mandate is "to provide for maximum local self-government"; and

WHEREAS, Art. XIII, sec. 3 of the Alaska Constitution provides that "if during any ten-year period a constitutional convention has not been held, the lieutenant governor shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question: "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?" and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters overwhelmingly rejected the call for a constitutional convention in 1972 and in successive elections held in 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alaska voters will be asked to vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention at the next general election on November 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution's system has been flexible, allowing cities and boroughs to merge when appropriate, and allowing for classes of municipalities, including home rule municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution commits the State to support public education, public health, public welfare, and for the University system; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides a statewide court system that relieves local governments of the responsibility for operating county courts, and allows for local prosecutions and defenses when and if a local government chooses to support them; and

WHEREAS, during the more than 60 years since Statehood the Alaska Municipal League has supported Alaska local governments in thoughtfully choosing among the options that the Alaska Constitution has offered them, and in making sure that there is revenue sharing from the State that will support the local governments that people choose to have; and

WHEREAS, where local government is concerned, the Alaska Constitution as written provides a necessary and empowering legal framework within which to exert local control and respond to resident priorities; and

WHEREAS, if voters were to authorize a convention, convention delegates elected at a subsequent election, would have plenary power to change any and all aspects of the constitution for submission to the voters; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous proposals advanced over the years to shift public funding for education from the state to local governments, to alter public retirement programs,

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modify the selection of judges, alter the taxing power of government and other similar proposals that could fundamentally harm Alaska's local governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Saxman Alaska believes that a Constitutional Convention is unnecessary at this point in time and may negatively impact local governments; and

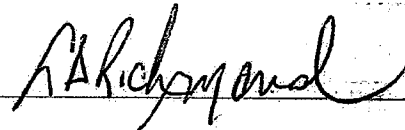
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Saxman Alaska expresses concern about any campaign for calling a Constitutional Convention, to which the City of Saxman would enjoin in opposition by supporting the actions of the Alaska Municipal League and educate voters of the value of the constitution as currently written and the numerous option available to address perceived or real needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Saxman Alaska will work toward correcting any misinformation or misconception as may exist or that develops as part of the election cycle ahead.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of Saxman Alaska this 20th day of 2022:



Frank Seludo, Mayor



ATTEST: Lori Richmond, City Clerk

**PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
CITY OF COFFMAN COVE
RESOLUTION No. 23-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE OPPOSING A STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

WHEREAS, The Lt. Governor is required to put before voters the ballot question: "Shall there be a constitutional convention?" if a convention hasn't been called within the last 10 years. This question will appear on the November 8th, 2022, ballot;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution was ratified in 1956 and has served the people of Alaska well, often referenced as a model constitution which has been a stabilizing guide through turbulent times;

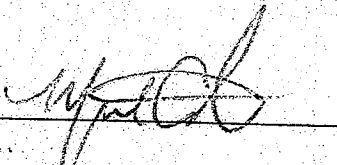
WHEREAS, holding a constitutional convention will provide another space for partisan politics making it even more difficult to work together for the future of Alaska;

WHEREAS, Alaskans have consistently voted against a constitutional convention and, instead, have opted for the more targeted, transparent constitutional amendment process for change;

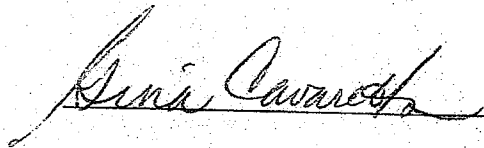
WHEREAS, Alaska's economic future would be thrown into disarray, with economic, legal, and regulatory uncertainty stymieing future investment. Taxes, environmental regulations, education, and more will all be up for revision, and final approval of any changes made would come at the end of a multi-year process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coffman Cove City Council opposes a constitutional convention.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council this 21st day of July, 2022.



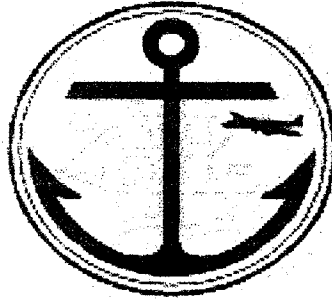
Mayor, Mikael Ashe



Administrator, Gina Cavaretta

Member Approvals:

**Municipality
of
Anchorage**



P.O. Box 390
Girdwood, Alaska 99587
<http://www.muni.org/gbos>

David Bronson, Mayor

GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

Resolution 2022-13

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
For the Constitution of the State of Alaska**

Whereas; Article XIII Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution provides that If during any ten-year period a constitutional convention has not been held, the lieutenant governor shall place on the ballot for the next general election the question: "Shall there be a Constitutional Convention?", and

Whereas; Alaska's original Constitutional Convention delegates drafted one of the strongest state Constitutions in the nation and it has served our state well for the last 60 years, and

Whereas; Alaskan voters have rejected the proposal of a Constitutional Convention every time in our history, and

Whereas; Article XIII, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution gives plenary power to a constitutional convention to amend or revise the constitution, which could result in a wholesale rewriting of the document with unpredictable and unintended consequences, and

Whereas; Article 13, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution provides that any changes wanted by the public can be accomplished through an existing targeted and transparent amendment process, including ratification by a public vote, and

Whereas; the constitutionally provided process for amendments to our Constitution has been used 40 times, 28 times successfully, and

Whereas; a convention would bring an unprecedented amount of outside special interests and "dark money" to influence the required election of Convention delegates, creating an opportunity to influence the drafting of the new constitution to promote outside interests' own agendas, and

Whereas; the establishment of a convention would create years of economic, legal and regulatory uncertainty, preventing investment in Alaska, and

Whereas; a convention could seek to impede intergovernmental relations between the state, local governments and Tribes, thus thwarting the Alaska Constitution's call for "maximum local self-government" and compacts made between the state and Tribes, and

Whereas; the financial impact to the State coffers of a convention is estimated to include 60 days of support prior to the commencement, 75 days of actual convention, followed by a 30-day wind-down period, a budget of nearly \$17 million is envisioned which would constitute a first-claim on the State Treasury, as stated on Article XIII, Section 3, and

Whereas; Girdwood is a small, unique community, which may not be as recognized in any substantially restructured municipal organization, leading to uncertainty and potentially less control in local governance; and

Whereas, any changes to taxation of property by local and state government would disrupt, and potentially prevent local funding and control of Girdwood services; and

Whereas, Girdwood's natural resources and environment for recreation, tourism and preservation are best secured by existing shared ownership by the citizens through local governmental control; and

Whereas, writing this resolution was recommended by the Girdwood Land Use Committee by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 12 abstaining at their Regular Meeting on June 13, 2022; and

Therefore be it resolved that we oppose the establishment of a new Constitutional Convention as unnecessary, expensive and dangerous, with the risks outweighing the rewards, and

Further be it resolved that we encourage voters to oppose the question on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

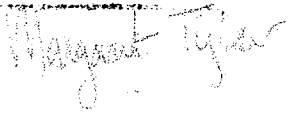
PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 20th day of June 2022.



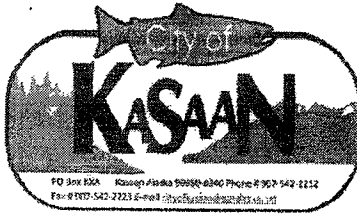
Mike Edgington
GBOS Co-Chair



Briana Sullivan
GBOS Co-Chair



Attest



RESOLUTION 23-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KASAAN, ALASKA APPROVING PRINCE OF WALES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 22-02, A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

WHEREAS, the Kasaan City Council is the governing body for the municipality of the City of Kasaan, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Kasaan City Council is a member of Prince of Wales Community Advisory Committee (POWCAC); and

WHEREAS, POWCAC adopted Resolution 22-02, A resolution opposing a state constitutional convention; and

WHEREAS, POWCAC Resolution 22-02, must be approved by all participating governing bodies in POWCAC communities in order to be ratified.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kasaan City Council approves and adopts the Prince of Wales Advisory Council Resolution 22-02.

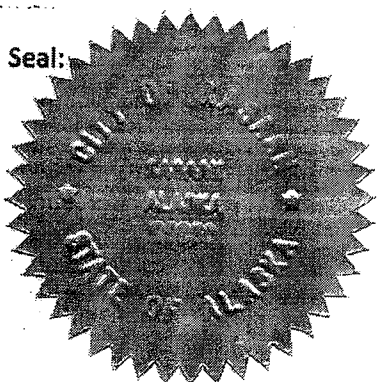
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Kasaan City Council this 26th day of July, 2022.

SIGNED:

Mayor: *Emun Smith*
Emun Smith

ATTEST:

City Clerk: *Beverly Bennett*
Beverly Bennett



Voting:

Emun Smith:	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Alyssa Fischer:	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
Dorothy Smith:	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrew West:	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
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LaNeice Congdon:	Yea <input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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